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End of an era

Right to left: Lt. Col. Mark Buccigrossi, former commander of the 20th FS and his former deputy Lt. Col. Kevin Zeeck salute as they prepare to fly the last F-4F Phantom assigned to the 20th Fighter Squadron into retirement Jan. 7. All F-4Fs assigned to the 20th have now been retired to the Air Force's Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. The F-4F was used to train German air force crews from 1972-2004.

9th FS commander reaches 1,000 hours

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

A member of the 9th Fighter Squadron reached 1,000 flying hours in the F-117A Nighthawk when he touched down on Holloman's runway Wednesday.

Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman, 9th FS commander, was the 18th person to reach this milestone.

"It is an impressive feat to achieve 1,000 hours in any aircraft,"

said Col. Matt McKeon, 49th Operations group commander. "Lt. Col. Juedeman's resume, with respect to the F-117A includes operational flying, operational testing, and formal course instructor duties, which means he has made meaningful contributions to every facet of this important program."

In a family of about 500 F-117A pilots, few accomplish this feat because these pilots normally only serve one three-year tour. During

Colonel Juedeman's 20 years in the Air Force, he has been at Holloman twice; from April of 1996 to March 2000 and from June 2002 until the present. He has been assigned to every flying squadron – the 7th, 8th and 9th Fighter Squadrons – as well as to Detachment 1, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group.

"I have enjoyed flying the F-117 from my first flight," Colonel

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High: 54
Low: 24
TODAY



High: 56
Low: 28
SATURDAY



High: 58
Low: 30
SUNDAY



High: 52
Low: 26
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Chiefs’ choice

Airman 1st Class Michael Miller, 49th Maintenance Squadron received the Chiefs’ Group Choice Award for November. He was recognized for his contributions to the mission by keeping the F-117A Nighthawk combat ready. His professional appearance and positive attitude are attributes he has become well known for by his supervisors and peers.



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Juedeman said. “I believe the mission we train for and carry out when directed is one of the most important and relevant in the Air Force. One thousand hours in the aircraft has meant staying with an aircraft and a mission I appreciate, as well as living in a location and community that my family and I enjoy.”

Colonel Juedeman said he joined the Air Force because his father was a fighter pilot in the Marines, Air Force and Air National Guard, which helped him develop a love for flying and an appreciation for the military.

“I’ll continue to fly the aircraft as long as the wing leadership and the Air Force will allow me,” Colonel Juedeman said. “Unfortunately, I know that at some point, my military flying career will come to an end. It is my intent to delay that as long as possible.”



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman, 9th FS commander, was the 18th person to reach 1,000 hours in the F-117A.

Holloman Hotline 572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you’ve tried to solve the problem yourself and haven’t been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	5
DUIs this year	4
This week last year	9

Last six DUIs

- GAF Aug. 7
- 49 AMXS Aug. 25
- 49 CES Oct. 1
- 49 MMS Oct. 18
- 49 CES Nov. 10
- 49 MMS Jan. 9

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

229 Saves this year
5 Saves this week

TRICARE transition complete

by 2nd Lt.
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Public Affairs

The TRICARE military health program for the West Region completed the transition to its new systems and procedures for accessing health care Oct. 1 and some beneficiaries experienced the problems associated with such a large transition.

Despite the problems beneficiaries are running into, every effort is being made to address the concerns as quickly as possible.

“We’re seeing a lot of little problems, but we’re working as hard as we can to correct them,” said Debbie Reed, TriWest clinical liaison nurse.

Ms. Reed said one of the bigger problems the Holloman office is having is a mix up in the location of where patients are being referred.

“Patients may get a letter sending them to Las Cruces for a referral,” she said, “and then they may get a letter the next day sending them to Gerald Champion.”

She said her office was responsible for the second letter.

“We try to catch up with those first letters that are generated through the system,” Ms. Reed said. “We want to correct the far distances and match up locations to what people’s needs are before they drive out there or come in with the problem.”

Another problem beneficiaries may run into is receiving bills for their health care.

“If you receive a bill and you’re not sure what’s going on with it, bring it in and we’ll look at it,” Ms. Reed said. “If we can’t handle it, we’ll send it up to our corporate office.”

The military’s health care services leadership as well as Holloman’s Triwest staff has been active in ensuring optimal care and customer service, with a consistent focus on improving the quality of care and service.

“We only ask that everyone be patient. If you have a problem come in and we’ll help you whatever way we can. If it’s something we can’t fix, we’ll

send it to the people who can,” Ms. Reed said. “The new system is a lot better than the old one, and it will get a lot better in the future.”

A major improvement the transition provided was the growth of provider networks with nearly 72,000 providers being contracted since June and the continuing effort to provide a comprehensive provider network in the West Region. In administering the TRICARE West Region, Triwest Healthcare Alliance more than doubled its workforce in addition to undergoing a significant training effort to educate customer service representatives so they can provide prompt, accurate information, the first time. More telephone lines and additional customer service representatives were also added to reduce waiting times which was a large problem in the beginning.

For questions or problems, call TriWest toll-free at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) or visit the web site at www.triwest.com.

MEDICARE Part B update

TRICARE will deny payment of health care claims for individuals entitled to Medicare Part A only Jan. 1, because they are not eligible for TRICARE benefits unless they are enrolled in Medicare Part B. Family members of active duty services members are not required to have Medicare Part B to remain eligible for TRICARE benefits. When the active duty service member retires, however, family members with Medicare Part A are required to enroll in Part B to retain TRICARE benefits.

Individuals entitled to Medicare Part A and who also have group health plan coverage based on their current employment do not need to enroll in Medicare Part B. These individuals may enroll in Part B while they are employed and covered under their group health plan. They also may enroll in Part B during the 8 – month period following the month the employment ends or the group health plan coverage ends, whichever occurs first.

If a TRICARE claim is denied, beneficiaries have two options: 1) They may wait until the enrollment has been reflected in the Department of Defense records and ask their provider to resubmit the claim, or 2) they may take their Medicare Card to their local uniformed services personal ID office for assistance, or contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) at (1-800-538-9552).

The Medicare Modernization Act also waives the Medicare Part B premium surcharge. TRICARE beneficiaries who enrolled in Medicare Part B from Jan. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2004, and whose Part B premium is more than the 2004 premium of \$66 per month may have the premium surcharge removed and get a refund of all premium surcharges previously paid in 2004. They should call or visit their local Social Security office.

If you have any questions about the information contained in the above article, please visit the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> or call the toll-free numbers listed above or contact QUESTIONS@tma.osd.mil.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Jan. 4 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 15 tickets: six for failure

to wear a seatbelt, one for invalid vehicle registration, one for inattentive backing, one for failure to stop at a traffic light, one for improper display of registration, one for no proof of insurance, one for failure to

stop at a stop sign, one for having a non-functional headlight, one for no driver’s license and one for operating an unsafe vehicle.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Jan. 4: An Airman reported his privately-owned vehicle was damaged in the building 457 parking lot.
- Jan. 6: There was a minor accident between two POVs in the fitness center parking lot when one vehicle hit another while backing up.
- Jan. 7: There was a minor accident between two POVs in the building 1081 parking lot when one vehicle

hit another while backing up.

Patrol response

- Jan. 8: A family member reported she was involved in a physical altercation on Catron Loop.
- Jan. 8: An Airman was arrested for shoplifting at the base exchange.
- Jan. 8: A civilian was stopped at the main gate because the guard detected the odor of alcohol. The civilian failed the walk and turn and one-legged stand. The civilian was turned over to the New Mexico State Police.

Civil arrest

- Jan. 8: An Airman was ar-

rested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety on Indian Wells Road for failure to pay a fine/failure to appear in court.

- Jan. 8: An Airman was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated after he was in an accident on White Sands Boulevard.
- Jan. 9: An NCO was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for battery against a household member and interference with telecommunications.

Parenting through divorce:

Free class available through Family Advocacy

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

Family Advocacy is now offering a free class to teach parents how to communicate with their children after a divorce.

The class, "Parenting through Divorce," covers topics like parental communication, responding to the needs of children and preventing the emotional abuse of children.

"Kids are resilient, they can make it through a divorce," said Mr. Geoff Hollenbach, Family Advocacy outreach manager. "How they make it through is going to depend on how their parents handle it, how they learn to communicate and how the parents grieve."

In New Mexico, parents going through a divorce must take a parenting class and provide proof of completion to the court. "Parenting through Divorce" fulfills this requirement.

According to Mr. Hollenbach, the class will also go over some common reactions that children have at different developmental stages of their lives.

"A divorce doesn't happen when a child is 2 years old," he said. "A divorce continues to happen. The parents must have at

least a business-type relationship so the kids don't pick up on the anxiety and begin to feel that they have to be loyal to one parent over another."

The class is a combination of lecture and discussion but is not a counseling session, Mr. Hollenbach said. The information is strictly educational and is designed to teach parents ways of separating their relationship with each other from their relationship with their children.

The Integrated Delivery System, a group that keeps track of the community-based services offered on base, saw a need for the class and implemented it on base Jan. 1. The class is four hours long and can either be taken on one Saturday or split into two-hour sessions on two Thursdays.

"The goal of this class is to make the process of adjustment that occurs during a divorce as easy and healthy as possible for these couples and their children," Mr. Hollenbach said. "Children probably suffer the most during a divorce. Parents can move on with their relationships, but children are stuck with a divorce for the rest of their lives, and helping them through it could be a lifelong process."

For more information and to sign up for the class, call Mr. Hollenbach at 572-7061.

America Reaches Out

Americans across the nation have come together through a myriad of ways to show its support for U.S. military men and women.

America Supports You, a nationwide program launched by the Department of Defense in November, recognizes citizens' support for our military men and women and communicates that support to our fighting forces at home and abroad.

The program is designed to gather information about and recognize the many activities Americans are doing and most importantly, ensure the troops and their families know about them. *America Supports You* spotlights what Americans are doing all across the land, encourages others to join the team, and allows all to tell their stories by giving voice and visibility to their efforts.

Thousands of individual citizens, businesses, and groups – from local schools and establishments to nationally-known corporations and organizations – are hosting events and under-

taking projects to support America's Armed Forces, especially in forward-deployed areas of the Global War on Terrorism.

The Web site offers detailed information on the program, including materials, such as press kits and downloadable logos, stories of support, and an ever-growing page of responses from troops all over the world.

The *America Supports You* Web site directs people to organizations who have volunteered to support the troops through emails, letters and care packages.

All events and information will be highlighted on the *America Supports You* Web site that allows participants to register and be recognized, share their stories of support with the nation and the troops, and download program materials for distribution and dissemination. Military members can access the web and learn about America's support for their service.

For more information on the program and how to register, visit www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil.



How well do you know ... *the Privacy Act*

The Privacy Act establishes safeguards to protect information the government collects and maintains on Airman in Air Force systems of records. Some examples are: personnel information files, weight management records, dental, medical, mental health, family advocacy, substance abuse, personnel, social actions records and incident/complaint reports. If you create or receive privacy sensitive information, you must protect that information according to its sensitive level and consider the risk of loss or alteration.

1. How should you mark documents containing Privacy Act information?

- a. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
- b. SECRET
- c. FOR YOUR EYES ONLY
- d. CONFIDENTIAL

Answer: a. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

2. True or False – You can use either a sealed envelope or a US Government Messenger Envelope (holey joe) to transfer PA information.

Answer: False, always use a sealed envelope and mark the envelope to warn of the presence of sensitive material, such as: To Be Opened By Addressee Only or Contains Information Protected By the Privacy Act. Also, use AF Form 3227, Privacy Act Cover Sheet, to protect correspondence while hand carrying or after receipt (example: OPRs, EPRs, etc).

3. Electronic PA information should always be stored ...

- a. On a shared drive with the proper safeguard in place
- b. On your work computer
- c. On the office shared drive so your supervisor has access
- d. On your desktop for quick access

Answer: a. Always store PA information on a shared drive with the proper safeguard in place and always encrypt PA information when sending electronically. Also, use the following statement on E-mail that contains Privacy Act information: “This document contains information which must be protected IAW AFI 33-332 and DoD Regulation 5400.22; Privacy Act of 1974 as amended applies, and it is For Official Use Only.”

4. True or False — During duty hours, leaving FOUO/PA records out in your work area is ok as long as you are around.

Answer: False, During duty hours, place FOUO/PA records in an out-of-sight location, if the work area is open. During non-duty hours, file such material in unlocked files or desks; locked buildings or rooms usually provide adequate after-duty hours protection. If you desire additional protection, store FOUO and sensitive PA material in locked containers such as file cabinets, desks, etc.

5. Which of the following is not an appropriate method of disposing records protected by PA?

- a. Tearing
- b. Burning
- c. White out
- d. Shredding

Answer: c. White out. Destroy by any method that prevents compromise, such as tearing, burning, or shredding, so long as the data is not recognizable and is beyond reconstruction. Degauss or overwrite magnetic tapes or other magnetic medium. Do not place documents containing Privacy Act information in recycling bins or trash can for destruction.

For more information, contact 49th Communications Squadron records management at 572-7247.

AETC in depth

ACROSS

- 3. Kid activity
- 8. Arabic holy man
- 12. USAF enlisted report
- 14. FDR Memorial sculptor George
- 15. Pedestal section
- 16. Spy org.
- 17. Microbes
- 18. Test
- 19. Burt's ex
- 20. Fall mon.
- 21. Cut
- 22. Sister
- 23. Bullring cheer
- 25. DiCaprio and others
- 28. Printer acronym
- 29. Communications outlets
- 30. Track distance
- 31. Close
- 32. Powdery
- 35. Stars & Stripes
- 38. Ring results
- 39. University at 9 DOWN
- 40. AETC base
- 46. AETC program
- 48. NAS in Spain
- 49. Orioles great Ripken
- 50. Cryptological org.
- 51. Weighed down

- 52. Restaurant item
- 53. Fish egg
- 54. Hue
- 56. Continent in PACAF AOR
- 59. European range
- 63. Fetches, as in pay
- 67. AETC degree
- 68. Shafts
- 69. Dessert
- 70. Newsweek competitor
- 71. Tills
- 72. Child's item
- DOWN**
- 1. NAF in AETC
- 2. One mission of AETC
- 3. USA rank
- 4. AETC base
- 5. Consented
- 6. Pack down tightly
- 7. Golfer Ernie
- 8. Archetype
- 9. AETC base
- 10. Oklahoma town
- 11. Parent
- 13. Wall picture
- 23. D-Day beach
- 24. AETC base
- 26. Acorn end state?
- 27. Spook

- 33. Small jump
- 34. Burn residue
- 35. Opposite of 31
- ACROSS**
- 36. Zodiac animal
- 37. Crafts' partner
- 38. Carry
- 41. Gun org.
- 42. National defense org.
- 43. Expert pilot
- 44. Waft
- 45. Singer Cantrell
- 47. Decanter
- 51. Empty or drain
- 52. Hateful
- 55. Word of agreement
- 56. Perform
- 57. Classification for classified
- 58. "I Am ____"; Penn movie
- 60. Mekong River area inhabitant
- 61. USAF schools for AETC
- 62. Snake sound?
- 64. Traitor
- 65. AETC academies
- 66. Heavens
- Answer on page 13*



BRIEFS

Sunburst correction

The 2005 basic allowance sustenance rates are:

- Officers: \$183.99
- Enlisted: \$267.18
- Meal Ded: \$7.55

Commissary hours

The commissary's new hours
as of Feb. 1 are:

- Monday: closed.
- Tuesday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Golf meeting

The golf advisory council meeting is 2 p.m., Jan. 19 at the Apache Mesa Golf Course. The topics for discussion are the proposed clubhouse and breakfast and full participation would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call the golf course at 572-3574.

Workshop

The Holloman Middle School Parent Teacher Association and Parents Reaching Out has an Individualized Education Program Workshop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at 1211 Hawaii St.

For more information, call Ms. Crystal Calloway at 479-0263.

Luncheon

The annual 49th Fighter Wing Communications and Information Professional, Education and Training and Personnel Manager of the Year Awards Luncheon will be held at 11 a.m., Jan. 26 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. Check with group representatives for cost and meal choices. R.S.V.P. by Jan. 20.

Group Reps: Materiel Maintenance Group – Tech. Sgt. Tracy Johnson, 572-5417; Mainte-

nance Group -- 2nd Lt. Michael Connor, 572-7703, Tech. Sgt. Mervine Manuel 572-5066; Fighter Wing -- Master Sgt. Connie Gibson, 572-5571; Operations Group -- Master Sgt. Daniel Williams, 572-5461; Mission Support Group -- Master Sgt. Joseph Shaw, 572-5541, Master Sgt. Laura Santos, 572-5512, Senior Master Sgt. Verna Williams, 572-5696.

Road closure

Mesquite Road is permanently closed to all traffic to and from First Street. Base housing residents on the west side of First Street will have to use Andrews Drive and Fairchild Drive to get to First Street or use west gate access as an alternate route during and after construction. Traffic coming from the First Street will have to use alternate routes such as Martin or Arizona Avenues to get to Mesquite Road.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Nada Chamu at 572-5832 or 572-3579.

Free tax filing

Get your taxes prepared by IRS trained volunteers. There were more than 3,600 Federal and state returns filed and \$333 thousand saved in fees last year. Unit tax advisors will be processing returns at the squadrons. A list of UTAs can be found on the legal assistance Web page: <https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/legal/index.html>

Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m., Feb. 3 at the enlisted club. Cost is \$5 for everyone and price includes a breakfast buffet. The speaker will be Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin, Air Force Chaplain Service chief. Tickets are available until Feb. 2 at the chapel.

For more information, call
572-7211.

No-free passports

All valid military and dependent no-fee passports must be canceled when they are no longer needed. Military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and family members stationed within the United States

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses –
11:30 a.m., Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday.

Sunday – Catholic
Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

must have their passports canceled when separating from the military or government service. Passports must be canceled when individuals are assigned to positions not requiring passports. Any military member who has returned from overseas should contact Holloman Passport Agent Mrs. Paula Cholewa at 572-0070.

Construction plans

The Draft Environmental Assessment for the Improvements and Repair to Forty Niner Avenue is available for review and comment at the base library until Feb. 7. All comments should be directed to the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 572-5406 or mailed to 490 First St. Suite 2800, Holloman AFB, N.M. 88330.

MLK observance

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Program is 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jasper Lowe at 572-7373.

MDG closure

The 49th Medical Group will be closed today and Monday. For medical emergencies, call 911 or proceed to the emergency department at Gerald R. Ford Regional Medical Center. For medical conditions patients are unsure of, call 572-2778 to contact the on-call provider.

On the BIG SCREEN

Blade: Trinity (PG)

6 p.m., today

Ocean's Twelve (R)

6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.

NATIONAL EYE CARE MONTH

by 2nd Lt.
Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

January is National Eye Care Month and in recognition of this, Team Holloman must take a healthy look at their eyes. Whether they're blue, brown or green, or whether contact lenses or glasses are worn, eye care is important.

"National Eye Care Month helps to make people aware of the health of their eyes," said Major (Dr.) James Hamer, 49th Aero-medical-Dental Squadron chief of optometry. "It promotes healthy care of the eyes across the nation."

By highlighting National Eye Care Month, Dr. Hamer said he hopes to encourage people to take better care of their eyes and get

them checked on a regular basis. He encourages parents to begin taking children for routine eye exams around five years old. Unless there are concerns, then any age is suitable to begin routine eye exams.

"As we get older, people don't realize how many things can affect their eyes," he said. "There's a common misconception concerning problems with the eyes because people don't realize that systemic diseases and general health issues can affect their eyes. For example, diabetes, thyroid problems and high blood pressure can change a person's vision."

He also said the normal aging process can lead to other problems like cata-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Airman Ashley Harvey organizes the selection of frames which customers choose with their prescriptions.

racts and glaucoma. However, through routine screenings performed during annual exams, problems such as these can be detected early and possibly prevented.

Airman Ashley Harvey, an optometry technician, said another precaution people can take is to know their family history to catch possible problems at an earlier age.

"Keeping exams and prescriptions updated at least once a year is one of the most important things," she said.

Another problem people face with their eyes is incorrect use of contact lenses, Airman Harvey said.

"It's important for contact wearers to obey the rules for care," she said. "The main focus with contact use is following the rules for cleaning and wear. When you wear them, wear them right. People don't like glasses, but they aren't the best at maintaining their contacts."

Airman Harvey said many of the patients who come into the clinic with complaints of red, irritated eyes are contact wearers who aren't cleaning them according to the directions or who are sleeping in them.

"If you don't clean your contacts correctly, you're at risk for infection," she said. "You need to take them out and soak them each night. Not doing this leaves the daily build up of bacteria on your contacts and your eyes."

Airman Harvey also warned people to use eye protection in hazardous working environments.

"They're the only two eyes you have, so be smart about protecting them," Airman Harvey said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Capt. Jennifer Manning, an optometrist with the 49th Medical Group checks for cataracts in the eyes of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veteran Edward Eisler.

Overcoming obstacles, breaking barriers

Holloman NCO trains Iraqi soldiers

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

One Team Holloman Professional Military Education instructor had to overcome a language barrier, an unfamiliar curriculum and a trust issue with his students in order to contribute to the development of a new nation.

Master Sgt. Mark Leuquire, known by his students as "LQ" because they had trouble pronouncing his name, was one of 28 Air Force PME instructors deployed to Iraq from February to August 2004 to train the NCOs of the New Iraqi Army on leadership and management principles.

At least, he thought he would be training them on leadership and management principles.

When he arrived at Kirkush Military Training Base, Iraq, about 25 miles from the Iranian border, he discovered he would be teaching an Army lesson plan under a joint coalition of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The lesson plan included training the soldiers on the AK-47, land navigation, map reading, first aid, Army physical training, combat maneuvers and several other tactics Sergeant Leuquire had little experience with himself.

"We were under Army command, and so they said, 'You're



Marine Sgt. Jerry Flores and Tech. Sgt. Mark Leuquire teach the soldiers of the New Iraqi Army how to conduct movement. In this tactic, soldiers march in two straight lines or in a wedge shape and remain postured against attacks.

an instructor, aren't you? Here's the lesson plan. Read it. You're teaching it," Sergeant Leuquire said. "The Army instructors were teaching this curriculum to the soldiers of the U.S. Army, and their philosophy was if it works, why reinvent the wheel."

The Army command broke the instructors and students up into six companies. Each company was made up of four platoons, and there were 32 students in each platoon. Sometimes instructors would train their platoon separately, and other times a company would work together.

Sergeant Leuquire said students were first taught how to operate and clean their weapons in a classroom and then were taken into the field to put what they'd learned to the test. During these lessons, he often faced communication problems.

"I'm an Air Force guy, trying to teach Army curriculum to an Iraqi soldier, and I'm

being interpreted by a Jordanian officer," Sergeant Leuquire said. "Several of the Iraqi soldiers were Kurdish, so my lessons were translated into Arabic and then into Kurdish."

Though communication was a serious issue, a bigger issue was trust, Sergeant Leuquire said. Security told the instructors there was a high probability of infiltrators gathering information and bringing it back to Iraqi insurgents. To be safe, the instructors carried weapons.

"At first we didn't trust them, and they certainly didn't trust us," he said. "Once we stressed heavily that we carried the weapons for their safety, because we didn't know if any insurgents were among them, they realized that the weapon wasn't to scare or intimidate them."

The prison scandal at Abu Ghraib was exposed shortly after the instructors started training the soldiers. The instructors were very careful to be fair to the soldiers and to respect their culture, Sergeant Leuquire said.

"We were not to do anything demeaning, belittling or harassing in any way," he said. "We processed them as if it were a basic training NCO camp."

This included searching them at the entrances, shaving their heads, in processing, uniform inspections and administering pay on payday. The instructors also included time for prayer in the curriculum.

According to Sergeant Leuquire, after a class graduated, some of the best students were asked to remain at Kirkush to train future Iraqi soldiers, which made training a little easier.

"When you say to a student, 'You need to do this and do it now,' after all the translation it



Courtesy photos

A PME instructor teaches Iraqi students how to use pace count for land navigation. In pace counting, soldiers calculate the number of steps they take in 100 meters in order to determine how far they've traveled.



Iraqi soldiers and PME instructors perform military operations urban terrain training to learn how to properly enter a building.

may come off a little more sensitive and less urgent than intended," Sergeant Leuquire said. "The Iraqi instructors would say it exactly how we intended it."

In his six months at Kirkush Military Training Base, Sergeant Leuquire and the other instructors taught four classes each and graduated more than 2,500 soldiers into the NIA.

Though he went to Iraq with the feeling he wouldn't accomplish much, Sergeant Leuquire said he believes he and the other

instructors made a difference.

"On our way out of Iraq, we drove past villages and saw people on the sides of the roads waving. They were healthy, they looked well-kept, they looked happy," he said. "Just seeing that, I knew we did something. We helped in the mission to get them into an environment where they can train their own soldiers and be self-sustaining."

Sergeant Leuquire received a Joint Service Commendation Medal for his service in Iraq.



Iraqi Soldiers reassemble an AK-47. After the weapons are assembled, instructors ensure that it functions properly.

Holloman Hero

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Hall

49th Mission Support Squadron

Duty title: Airman Leadership School instructor

Time in service: 19 years, four months

Time at Holloman: Two years, seven months

Hometown: Greensboro, N.C.

Personal and career goals: My career goal is to become a first sergeant and eventually retire from the Air Force. After retirement I would like to own my own business.

What is your favorite quote?

“Attitude is fortitude”

How do you set an example for other troops?

It is my belief to never ask of another what I myself would not be willing to do. Therefore, I know that by working as hard as I can and expecting only the best from myself will result in that example and expectation being set for others.

What motivates you to be a better Airman?

I am very privileged to be surrounded by outstanding NCOs that exemplify “service before self.” Everyday I am reminded that what we give back is returned times 10.

Core value portrayed: “Excellence in all we do”

Tech. Sgt. Hall is the epitome of excellence in all that you do. Her dedication to the ALS mission of preparing our Senior Airmen to be NCOs is exemplary. From her professional appearance to her meticulous preparation for each day’s class, she sets the bar extremely high. I can think of no better role model and teacher for Holloman’s newest NCOs.

– **Maj. Kent White**
49th MSS commander



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html



Photo by Capt. Catie Hague

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Turner, 455th Expeditionary Services Flight deployed from Holloman, helps unload a pallet of deployment bags Sunday as 27 members from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. in-process to Camp Cunningham at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

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What’s going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Alamogordo has announced the availability of two \$500 scholarships for the 2005 academic year. Residents of Otero County who are students of NMSU-A or NMSU main campus, are invited to apply for “The Billie Holder Memorial Rotary Scholarship,” which has been in existence for a number of years.

In addition, students who are pursuing a degree or certificate in the medical career field may apply for a newly created scholarship, “The Rotary Club of Alamogordo Medical Careers Scholarship.

Applications, with the criteria for award, may be ob-

tained at the NMSU-A Student Services Building. Applications must be received by The Rotary Club of Alamogordo no later than April 3. Information regarding both scholarships can be found at this NMSU-A Web site: <http://alamo.nmsu.edu/financialaid/scholar.html>

“Andro Ban”

The president passed a bill known as the “Andro Ban,” on Oct. 22. The law, which takes effect Thursday, adds 18 substances to the list of banned anabolic steroids. The most significant of these is androstenedione, a steroid precursor known as “andro” in the bodybuilding community. Under the new law, andro and andro

supplements (to include commonly-used 1AD and 4AD), which are currently available in all health and fitness stores, will be classified as Schedule III controlled substances, similar to cocaine and heroin. As of Thursday, these substances may no longer be legally purchased. It will also be illegal to use them, even if they were bought before Thursday.

For more information call the base legal office at 572-7217.

Cookie fundraiser

The Holloman Youth & Teen Center Keystone and Torch Club’s are having a Little Ceasars & Cookie

Dough Kit fundraiser. The deadline to place an order is Feb. 26. Orders will be delivered March 7. Orders can be placed through members of the Keystone & Torch Club or at the Youth & Teen Center.

For more information, call 572-3753.

Library exhibit

The Foundation Center Traveling Collection is at the Alamogordo Public Library until Thursday. The Foundation Center is a non-profit clearinghouse of information on private philanthropy. It includes foundation information (independent, corporate, community) as well as corporate direct giving program in-

formation. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday.

For more information, call 439-4140.

Theatre on the Hill

NMSU-A Theatre along with Theatre on the Hill Guild presents “Agnes of God.” 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21 and 22 and 2 p.m., Jan. 23 at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-A campus. Tickets are \$6. Advanced tickets are on sale at Blue Stone, TLC Portraits and Holloman’s Outdoor Recreation.

For more information call 479-4023.

From the fire chief: proper care of extinguishers

Fire extinguishers assigned to buildings must be inspected on a monthly basis and should be documented in the facility managers facility folder. Additionally, fire extinguishers are inspected on an annual basis by Holloman Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Prevention Section during the annual fire prevention visit. Fire extinguishers that have been used to extinguish a fire, accidentally discharged or have broken

seals, missing pins or have become inoperative, are the responsibility of the using organization to deliver them to the extinguisher maintenance shop, building 303, for reservicing and repair if possible. The facility manager will ensure that a replacement fire extinguisher is in place until the unserviceable extinguisher is repaired or replaced. Fire extinguishers should not be blocked from immediate use or

obscured from sight. Signs marking the location of the fire extinguisher should be posted when the extinguisher cannot be seen clearly. For more information, contact fire extinguisher maintenance at 572-3486.

**Frequently asked questions:
How often is fire extinguisher training required?**

Fire extinguisher education is required for all personnel upon

assignment, and annually thereafter. This education will include general principles of fire extinguisher and fire extinguisher use, and the hazards involved with initial stage fire fighting.

Extinguishers now have simple pictorial symbols on the labels. Why do they have a slash through them on some extinguishers, and why are they missing on others?

If an extinguisher has no Class A or B symbol, the extin-

guisher is less effective on that type of fire than one with the symbol and didn't pass the rating fire test. A slash through the Class B or C symbol denotes that the extinguisher shouldn't be used on that class fire.

For example, a common 21/2-gallon (9-liter) water extinguisher is inappropriate for use on flammable liquids or energized electrical equipment, so it has a slash through the B and C symbols.

Still undefeated

FW mauls MMG to keep perfect record

by Airman 1st Class

Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An aggressive 49th Fighter Wing team dominated Monday night to come out on top over the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group 64-40, during over 30 basketball play at the Fitness and Sports Center.

The score stayed tight in the beginning with FW shots from the paint by forward Michael Woodward and guard Marcus Davis.

MMG fired back with down-the-center layups supplied by forward Harold Marshall.

The FW, normally leading their opponents by 10 going into the half, only had the advantage by two as the clock stopped, 23-21.

“Normally we are ahead by more into the second half,” Coach and outside shooter Calvin Perry said.

The FW rocketed into the second half with a 21-point run, helped by Perry and two three-pointers and several layups supplied by forward Steven Wilson.

MMG guard Martin Lara finally broke the run with two foul shots, to trail 44-23.

FW came right back with another three by Perry, adding to MMG’s deficit.

With no way to come back out on top, FW sealed MMG’s fate, ending the game 64-40.

“We make the right decisions when to shoot,” Perry said. “It’s the teamwork aspect that keeps us undefeated.”



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Fighter Wing forward Marcus Davis guards against MMG guard Martin Lara Monday night. The FW team dominated the court, winning 64-40. FW remains undefeated in the Over 30 intramural basketball league.